

## Children's Picture Books Put the Christ Back into Christmas

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Nashville, TN, October 28, 2010--From classics including *The Advent Storybook*--with its tales for each day of Advent leading up to Christmas--to this season's new *A Child Is Born* that features text straight from the Gospel of Luke, NorthSouth Books has holiday picture book offerings that affirm the reason for celebrating Christmas.

At a time when technology threatens to overwhelm family relationships, sharing a picture book can be a way to re-affirm family traditions and experience the holiday season together rather than catching the same old holiday specials in drive-by television. Not only are books portable, but they can be enjoyed in a variety of settings on a wide range of levels.

The Advent Storybook is the story of little Benjamin Bear who is so impatient for Christmas. To help the time pass, his mother tells him that every day when he opens a door on his Advent calendar she'll tell him a story--24 stories in all about another little bear and his long, difficult journey to Bethlehem. Hardcover, \$16.95, 9780735819634. Also available: The Advent Storybook Advent Calendar, \$7.95, 9780735820715.

Celebrated European artist Marc-Alexander Schulze brings the familiar words from Luke's nativity story in the King James Bible to life. Hardcover, \$16.95, 9780735823211.

In *Christmas Star*, The creator of "Rainbow Fish" stamps his signature holographic design on this board book about the birth of Jesus. Readers follow the shining star as it guides shepherds, kings, and the animals to the stable. \$7.95, 9780735819733.

Lastly, what could be missing from a beautifully illustrated edition of Joseph Mohr's timeless carol *Silent Night, Holy Night*? The music, of course! A cunning sound chip presents a musical surprise on the last page of this sturdy hardcover book. \$12.95, 9780735821620.

Jesus-centered Advent calendars are available as well ranging from *A Journey to Bethlehem* (\$7.95, 9780735813908) to *Let Us Adore Him* (\$7.95, 9780735821699).

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